Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

December 2015

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering December 6th to 12th, 2015, there were 570,900 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 6,900 from November 2015 and 900 less than the number employed in December 2014.

Agricultural employment was 40,600 persons in December 2015, down 1,200 from the November 2015 level and 1,200 less than the December 2014 agricultural employment level of 41,800. Non-agricultural employment was 530,300 persons in December 2015. This is a decrease of 5,700 from the November 2015 non-agriculture employment level of 536,000 and 300 more than December 2014.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for December 2015 was 5.1 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the November 2015 rate of 5.0 percent and 1.7 percentage points higher than the December 2014 level of 3.4 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 6,900 to 601,400 persons in December 2015 from 608,300 persons in November 2015. This is 9,400 more than the December 2014 labour force of 592,000 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.9 percentage points to 69.5 percent in December 2015 from 70.4 percent in November 2015. The December 2014 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.1 percent.

There were 30,600 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during December 2015. This is an increase of 100 from November 2015 and 10,400 more than the number unemployed in December 2014.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 575,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan in December 2015, down 4,600 from the November 2015 level of 579,700 and is up 100 from the December 2014 employment level of 575,00 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2015 was 5.5 percent. This remained unchanged from the November 2015 rate of 5.5 percent and 1.8 percentage points higher than the December 2014 rate of 3.7 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 78,200 persons in December 2015 to 17,915,000 persons from 17,993,200 persons in November 2015. In December 2014, there were 17,765,900 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.1 percentage points in December 2015 to 6.7 percent from the November 2015 level of 6.6 percent. In December 2014, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.2 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.1 percent in December 2015. This remained unchanged from November 2015 but 0.4 percentage points higher than the December 2014 level of 6.7 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	December 2015	November 2015	December 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,206.2	19,257.3	18,943.3	-51.1	262.9
Employed ('000)	17,915.0	17,993.2	17,765.9	-78.2	149.1
Full-Time ('000)	14,394.0	14,529.4	14,240.0	-135.4	154.0
Part-Time ('000)	3,521.0	3,463.8	3,525.9	57.2	-4.9
Unemployed ('000)	1,291.2	1,264.1	1,177.4	27.1	113.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.7	6.6	6.2	0.1	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.1	7.1	6.7	0.0	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	65.3	65.5	65.1	-0.2	0.2
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	601.4	608.3	592.0	-6.9	9.4
Employed ('000)	570.9	577.8	571.8	-6.9	-0.9
Full-Time ('000)	468.0	470.6	466.5	-2.6	1.5
Part-Time ('000)	102.8	107.2	105.3	-4.4	-2.5
Unemployed ('000)	30.6	30.5	20.2	0.1	10.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	5.0	3.4	0.1	1.7
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.5	5.5	3.7	0.0	1.8
Participation Rate (%)	69.5	70.4	69.1	-0.9	0.4
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Labour Force ('000)	2,435.7	2,447.4	2,399.9	-11.7	35.8
Employed ('000)	2,271.6	2,289.7	2,293.1	-18.1	-21.5
Full-Time ('000)	1,854.5	1,891.0	1,904.3	-36.5	-49.8
Part-Time ('000)	417.1	398.8	388.8	18.3	28.3
Unemployed ('000)	164.1	157.7	106.8	6.4	57.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.7	6.4	4.5	0.3	2.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.0	7.0	4.7	0.0	2.3
Participation Rate (%)	72.1	72.5	72.3	-0.4	-0.2
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Labour Force ('000)	667.5	673.9	665.1	-6.4	2.4
Employed ('000)	631.6	636.2	632.3	-4.6	-0.7
Full-Time ('000)	500.9	505.2	510.9	-4.3	-10.0
Part-Time ('000)	130.7	131.1	121.3	-0.4	9.4
Unemployed ('000)	36.0	37.7	32.9	-1.7	3.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.6	4.9	-0.2	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.9	6.1	5.4	-0.2	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	67.3	68.0	67.8	-0.7	-0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	December 2015	November 2015	December 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	601.4	608.3	592.0	-6.9	9.4
Male	327.2	330.2	320.2	-3.0	7.0
Female	274.2	278.1	271.7	-3.9	2.5
15-24 Years of Age	87.3	89.0	88.6	-1.7	-1.3
25+ Years of age	514.2	519.3	503.3	-5.1	10.9
EMPLOYED ('000)	570.9	577.8	571.8	-6.9	-0.9
Male	308.3	312.6	308.1	-4.3	0.2
Female	262.5	265.2	263.7	-2.7	-1.2
15-24 Years of Age	80.0	81.0	83.4	-1.0	-3.4
25+ Years of age	490.8	496.8	488.4	-6.0	2.4
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	30.6	30.5	20.2	0.1	10.4
Male	18.8	17.6	12.1	1.2	6.7
Female	11.7	12.9	8.1	-1.2	3.6
15-24 Years of Age	7.2	8.0	5.3	-0.8	1.9
25+ Years of age	23.3	22.5	14.9	0.8	8.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	5.1	5.0	3.4	0.1	1.7
Male	5.7	5.3	3.8	0.4	1.9
Female	4.3	4.6	3.0	-0.3	1.3
15-24 Years of Age	8.2	9.0	6.0	-0.8	2.2
25+ Years of age	4.5	4.3	3.0	0.2	1.5
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	69.5	70.4	69.1	-0.9	0.4
Male	75.0	75.7	74.2	-0.7	0.8
Female	63.9	64.9	63.9	-1.0	0.0
15-24 Years of Age	64.3	65.5	64.2	-1.2	0.1
25+ Years of age	70.5	71.3	70.0	-0.8	0.5

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	December 2015	November 2015	December 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	40.6	41.8	41.8	-1.2	-1.2
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	26.5	27.4	29.1	-0.9	-2.6
Utilities	6.4	7.0	6.4	-0.6	0.0
Construction	53.7	57.3	55.3	-3.6	-1.6
Manufacturing	26.2	26.1	27.0	0.1	-0.8
Trade	87.1	87.3	85.3	-0.2	1.8
Transportation and Warehousing	30.0	28.1	28.6	1.9	1.4
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.9	30.5	31.0	0.4	-0.1
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	26.3	26.3	25.3	0.0	1.0
Business, Building and Other Support Services	13.6	13.0	13.8	0.6	-0.2
Educational Services	43.0	43.5	47.0	-0.5	-4.0
Health Care and Social Assistance	78.1	79.2	73.8	-1.1	4.3
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.8	20.8	16.3	-1.0	3.5
Accommodation and Food Services	38.0	38.6	37.1	-0.6	0.9
Other Services	24.0	24.9	24.2	-0.9	-0.2
Public Administration	26.6	26.1	29.7	0.5	-3.1
Total	570.9	577.8	571.8	-6.9	-0.9
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	468.0	470.6	466.5	-2.6	1.5
Part-Time	102.8	107.2	105.3	-4.4	-2.5
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	464.9	471.3	461.8	-6.4	3.1
Public Sector	138.2	138.4	140.0	-0.2	-1.8
Private Sector	326.8	332.9	321.8	-6.1	5.0
Self-Employed	105.9	106.5	110.0	-0.6	-4.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	December 2015	November 2015	December 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,915.0	17,993.2	17,765.9	-78.2	149.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	228.9	234.2	233.2	-5.3	-4.3
Prince Edward Island	69.7	71.5	70.3	-1.8	-0.6
Nova Scotia	442.3	446.9	447.5	-4.6	-5.2
New Brunswick	346.8	350.8	345.6	-4.0	1.2
Quebec	4,076.2	4,099.0	4,031.1	-22.8	45.1
Ontario	6,947.4	6,942.1	6,861.1	5.3	86.3
Manitoba	631.6	636.2	632.3	-4.6	-0.7
Saskatchewan	570.9	577.8	571.8	-6.9	-0.9
Alberta	2,271.6	2,289.7	2,293.1	-18.1	-21.5
British Columbia	2,329.6	2,345.0	2,280.0	-15.4	49.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.7	6.6	6.2	0.1	0.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.2	12.9	11.3	1.3	2.9
Prince Edward Island	11.1	11.4	12.9	-0.3	-1.8
Nova Scotia	8.2	8.4	7.8	-0.2	0.4
New Brunswick	8.4	8.2	9.7	0.2	-1.3
Quebec	7.6	7.0	7.2	0.6	0.4
Ontario	6.1	6.3	6.5	-0.2	-0.4
Manitoba	5.4	5.6	4.9	-0.2	0.5
Saskatchewan	5.1	5.0	3.4	0.1	1.7
Alberta	6.7	6.4	4.5	0.3	2.2
British Columbia	6.2	5.9	4.9	0.3	1.3

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	December 2015	November 2015	December 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,009.6	17,986.8	17,851.5	22.8	158.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	232.8	235.5	237.1	-2.7	-4.3
Prince Edward Island	72.9	73.5	73.1	-0.6	-0.2
Nova Scotia	445.8	448.8	451.0	-3.0	-5.2
New Brunswick	352.8	352.5	351.2	0.3	1.6
Quebec	4,109.4	4,096.7	4,061.1	12.7	48.3
Ontario	6,965.7	6,930.8	6,885.0	34.9	80.7
Manitoba	634.0	636.4	633.8	-2.4	0.2
Saskatchewan	575.1	579.7	575.0	-4.6	0.1
Alberta	2,285.6	2,289.5	2,300.2	-3.9	-14.6
British Columbia	2,335.5	2,343.4	2,283.9	-7.9	51.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.1	7.1	6.7	0.0	0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.4	13.0	11.8	1.4	2.6
Prince Edward Island	9.7	10.4	11.1	-0.7	-1.4
Nova Scotia	8.6	8.6	8.4	0.0	0.2
New Brunswick	8.9	8.7	10.0	0.2	-1.1
Quebec	7.8	7.5	7.5	0.3	0.3
Ontario	6.7	6.9	7.0	-0.2	-0.3
Manitoba	5.9	6.1	5.4	-0.2	0.5
Saskatchewan	5.5	5.5	3.7	0.0	1.8
Alberta	7.0	7.0	4.7	0.0	2.3
British Columbia	6.7	6.2	5.5	0.5	1.2

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	December 2015	November 2015	December 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	5.9	5.8	5.3	0.1	0.6
Halifax	5.8	5.8	5.9	0.0	-0.1
Saint John	6.7	6.2	7.2	0.5	-0.5
Quebec	4.3	4.1	4.7	0.2	-0.4
Montreal	8.2	8.0	7.5	0.2	0.7
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.7	6.0	5.8	-0.3	-0.1
Toronto	6.5	6.7	7.3	-0.2	-0.8
Greater Sudbury	7.5	7.5	5.0	0.0	2.5
Winnipeg	5.6	5.3	5.1	0.3	0.5
Regina	3.8	3.7	3.4	0.1	0.4
Saskatoon	6.1	5.6	3.6	0.5	2.5
Calgary	6.7	6.5	4.5	0.2	2.2
Edmonton	5.8	5.8	4.3	0.0	1.5
Vancouver	5.4	5.7	5.6	-0.3	-0.2
Victoria	5.9	6.1	4.8	-0.2	1.1
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	186.6	186.0	183.1	0.6	3.5
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	52.2	52.5	52.7	-0.3	-0.5
Saskatoon-Biggar	199.6	201.9	198.6	-2.3	1.0
Yorkton-Melville	37.6	38.6	39.6	-1.0	-2.0
Prince Albert & Northern	100.1	100.0	99.9	0.1	0.2

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	December 2015	November 2015	December 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	607.3	608.7	592.9	-1.4	14.4
Employed ('000)	577.2	580.1	573.8	-2.9	3.4
Unemployed ('000)	30.1	28.6	19.1	1.5	11.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	4.7	3.2	0.3	1.8
Participation Rate (%)	70.2	70.4	69.2	-0.2	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	66.8	67.1	67.0	-0.3	-0.2
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	558.1	559.2	545.0	-1.1	13.1
Employed ('000)	533.9	536.8	529.8	-2.9	4.1
Unemployed ('000)	24.2	22.4	15.2	1.8	9.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.0	2.8	0.3	1.5
Participation Rate (%)	71.0	71.1	69.9	-0.1	1.1
Employment Rate (%)	67.9	68.3	68.0	-0.4	-0.1
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	49.2	49.5	47.9	-0.3	1.3
Employed ('000)	43.3	43.2	43.9	0.1	-0.6
Unemployed ('000)	5.9	6.2	3.9	-0.3	2.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.0	12.6	8.2	-0.6	3.8
Participation Rate (%)	63.1	63.5	62.6	-0.4	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	55.5	55.5	57.4	0.0	-1.9
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Labour Force ('000)	18.1	18.6	18.1	-0.5	0.0
Employed ('000)	14.5	14.8	15.6	-0.3	-1.1
Unemployed ('000)	3.6	3.7	2.5	-0.1	1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	19.9	20.1	13.9	-0.2	6.0
Participation Rate (%)	54.9	56.5	56.1	-1.6	-1.2
Employment Rate (%)	44.0	45.1	48.3	-1.1	-4.3
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Labour Force ('000)	30.5	30.4	29.7	0.1	0.8
Employed ('000)	28.1	27.9	28.4	0.2	-0.3
Unemployed ('000)	2.3	2.5	1.4	-0.2	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	8.2	4.6	-0.5	3.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.2	68.8	67.4	0.4	1.8
Employment Rate (%)	63.9	63.1	64.3	0.8	-0.4

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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